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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF MILITARY GROUPS

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1. EMB EVALUATION OF MILGP MANNING REQUIREMENTS WAS DETAILED REF-
TEL B. IN REFTEL C GON ATTITUDE TOWARD REDUCTION WAS EXPLAINED.
FURTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF IMPACT ON US-GON MILITARY RELATION-
SHIP IN TERMS OF MILGP REDUCTION LED TO VALIDATION OF PREVIOUS
CONCLUSION THAT MINIMUM STAFFING SHOULD BE TEN MILITARY PERSONNEL
DECREASING TO EIGHT BY 1981 (REFTEL D.)

2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST RE FURTHER COMMENT ON REDUCTION TO SIX
MILITARY PERSONNEL (REFTEL A) EMB VIEW IS THAT MIL STAFFING COULD
BE REDUCED TO SIX ONLY AS RESULT OF ELIMINATION OF MILGP FUNCTIONS
CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL AND THAT THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD IMPAIR US-GON
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MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. IF SRG SHOULD ARRIVE AT DECISION TO PROCEED

WITH REQUEST FOR REMEDIAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ALLOW INCREASE
FROM THREE TO SIX MIL PERSONNEL DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD
NOT MEET OUR PERCEIVED MINIMUM LEVELS, MB REQUESTS THAT POLICY
TOWARD STAFFING IN NICARAGUA BE SAME AS THAT IN OTHER CA COUNTRIES
WITH MILGRPS TO SOFTEN A IMPACT OF THE REDUCTION.

3. EMB REQUESTS THAT DEPT. OBTAIN VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM AMBAS-
SADOR THEBERG WHO IS IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION.
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